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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: SONNENHOL, Gustav
aka: [SONNENHOL, Gustav Adolf --
SONNENHOL, Dr. Gustav]
DOB: 25 January 1912
POB: Lindensheid, Germany
VISA: Germany

amended

1. Reference is made to the I-57 form concerning Subject who entered the United States on 26 May 1965. The files of this office contain the following information.

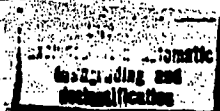
2. According to information dated 3 July 1944 from an unevaluated source, Subject formerly was vice consul in Tangiers and an officer in the SS.

3. In a report dated 10 August 1945, a fairly reliable source stated that Subject was a "SS Obersturmbannfuhrer," and a member of the SD (Gestapo Security Service).

4. When interrogated in October 1945 by a predecessor organization of this Agency, Subject admitted that while working for the German Foreign Office he had numerous contacts with SD and Abwehr (Germany Military Intelligence Service) members. Subject also admitted that he belonged to the Nazi Party and the SS and that he had received the honorary rank of SS Obersturmfuhrer. Subject denied any intelligence activity. On the basis of statements made by Subject himself, his

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interrogators concluded that "although they (his statements) do not prove any direct connection with the GIS (German Intelligence Service), they do show that he hovered around the fringe of both Abwehr and SD." His interrogators stated that "in view of his early association with the German students movement and the SS, it is felt that he may have suppressed many facts relating to his collaboration with the GIS and should be regarded as a potentially dangerous person."

5. Subject's name appeared on a 28 January 1945 list of Abwehr members prepared by a predecessor organization of this Agency.

6. This office has no objection to the Bureau making the above information available to other officially interested United States Government agencies as deemed advisable.

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